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Gov. Perdue Announces 200 More Jobs with Electrolux

Company plans expansion in Mecklenburg County

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that Electrolux North America, a leader in the manufacturing of home and professional appliances, will consolidate additional positions from locations throughout the United States to Charlotte. The company plans to create 200 jobs over the next four years with a \$14 million capital investment in Charlotte. The project was made possible in part by state grants from the Job Development Investment Grant and One North Carolina programs.

"Like other international companies, Electrolux looks around the globe when they prepare to expand," Gov. Perdue said. "Sixteen months ago, the company moved its North American headquarters to Charlotte. Once more company leaders have chosen Charlotte and North Carolina to expand their international business, as they continue to believe in the investments North Carolina has made in education, building a workforce that will fill 21st century jobs."

Electrolux is a global leader in home appliances and appliances for professional use, selling more than 40 million products to customers in more than 150 markets every year. In the United States, Electrolux has approximately 8,000 employees. Electrolux products include refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers, vacuum cleaners, dishwashers and cooking products sold primarily under the Electrolux, Frigidaire and Eureka brands in North America. Electrolux North America is owned by AB Electrolux, a company based in Stockholm, Sweden, that employs 52,000 workers around the world. The company currently employs more than 1,000 people in North Carolina.

While individual wages for the 200 jobs will vary by job function, the overall average for the new jobs will be \$90,150 a year, not including benefits. The Mecklenburg County average annual wage is \$51,584.

"We are thrilled to bring another 200 jobs to Charlotte, adding to our significant announcement in 2009 to consolidate our operations in North America here," said Kevin Scott, President and